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EXDIS HANDLE AS NODIS FOR JORDEN FROM CHRISTOPHER

E.O. 11652:

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE "CONDITIONS"

1. FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION OF RATIFICATION
OF THE NEUTRALITY TREATY WAS INTRODUCED TODAY BY SENATOR
DECONCINI AND OTHERS:

"SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY TO BE EXCHANGED WITH THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TREATY, IF THE CANAL IS CLOSED, OR ITS OPERATIONS ARE INTERFERED WITH, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA EACH SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY, INCLUDING THE

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USE OF MILITARY FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES, TO REOPEN THE CANAL OR RESTORE THE OPERATIONS OF THE CANAL, AS THE CASE MAY BE."

2. SENATOR NUNN AND VARIOUS OTHERS WILL INTRODUCE
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CONDITION TOMORROW:

SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY TO BE EX-CHANGED WITH THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, THAT NOTHING IN THIS TREATY SHALL PRECLUDE PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES FROM MAKING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES, ANY AGREEMENT OR ARRANGEMENT TO FACILITATE PERFORMANCE AT ANY TIME AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1999, OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO MAINTAIN THE REGIME OF NEUTRALITY ESTABLISHED IN THE TREATY, INCLUDING AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY UNITED STATES MILITARY PRESENCE AFTER THAT DATE IN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA THAT PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES MAY DEEM NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE."

3. FYI: YOU WILL NOTE THAT NUNN "CONDITION" HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF REFERRING TO THE TREATY AS A WHOLE, RATHER THAN TO ARTICLE V, AND THAT UNDER ITS TERMS BOTH PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE TO AGREE TO ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN. PROVISION WITH RESPECT TO CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES REMAINS IN NUNN VERSION; THIS, TOO, SHOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FROM PANAMANIAN POINT OF VIEW.

4. FYI: THE FOREGOING CONDITIONS ARE THE MOST CURRENT VERSIONS AS OF 6:00 P.M. TODAY. THEY HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISCUSSED AMONG UNCOMMITTED SENATORS. THEY ARE NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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OPEN TO NEGOTIATION. I HAVE JUST TALKED TO AMB. LEWIS TO RECAP TODAY'S EVENTS. IN RESPONSE TO HIS POINTED QUESTIONS, I EMPHASIZED THAT AMBLER MOSS IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE, BUT WILL DESCRIBE STATE OF PLAY HERE. VANCE

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